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designed and constructed more pipelines than any other organization in the world. He made a study several years ago for the under-water ^{tunnel} ~~tube~~ between England and France. He believes this would be a practicable operation, but the Governments concerned have not yet made their decision. He thinks the alternative--a bridge--will be unsatisfactory, considerably more expensive, and possibly unsafe.

I went to see Ted Heath at the Foreign Office, in connection with my proposed trip to France tomorrow. George Ball ~~had~~ sent word to me to ascertain whether Heath had any message for him. Ted thinks the conversations at Brussels may terminate at the end of July or early August. They have been conducted in considerable secrecy. He does not favor outside intervention in them. We chatted about the Chinese Refugee problem at Hong Kong, for which he sees no present solution. The flow has reached gigantic proportions, so the Hong Kong authorities ~~cannot~~ have no other recourse than to turn these people away. Our Government has under consideration the possibility of giving them free food.

I arrived late for a reception at the house. It was a mixed company, including amongst others, Black Rod (the agreeable Sir Brian ~~Horrocks~~ Horrocks) and his wife, Air Marshals, politicians, and others, as well as Alice and Roger Makins.

May 23, 1962 - Wednesday

The Ambassador of Gabon, Mr. P. C. Eyadéma, 33 years old, ~~dedicated~~ in France, a nephew of the present Foreign Minister, called on me this morning. He speaks perfect French, and has a sympathetic personality. Like many of the newly arrived Ambassadors, his time is almost entirely taken up with searching for an office and a residence. To date, he has acquired neither. He has no staff and is living at a hotel with his wife, ~~as~~ almost his sole compatriot here.

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